

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-9, 12, and 13 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, and 5 are amended.

Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been cancelled by a previous amendment. New claim 13 is added.

Independent claims 2 and 3 have been amended to recite in part that a plating process is an electro or electroless Ag process.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in a condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendment and remarks allowance of claims 2-9, 12 and 13 are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below. If the Examiner believes that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 668-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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